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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 13305-004

Whitestone Power and Communications;
Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Whitestone Poncelet River-In-Stream Energy Conversion Project, located on the Tanana River near the town of Delta Junction, in Alaska, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project would not be located on federal lands.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online

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Dated: July 27, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
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